

REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-7 and 13 are pending in the application. The other claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable consideration is requested.

Claims 5, 6 and 13-18 stand rejected under Section 112 as allegedly being indefinite. In response, the claims have been amended as supported by the specification, e.g., page 4, lines 4-8, page 8, lines 32-35, etc. Applicant submits that the amendments render the rejection moot.

Claims 1-7 and 13-18 stand rejected as allegedly being anticipated by Nishimura. In response, applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejection for at least the following reasons and in view of the claim amendments that are supported by the specification, e.g., page 4, lines 4-8, page 8, lines 32-35, etc.

Nishimura relates to air bags and the use of polyester fibers in a woven fabric form. Nishimura does not disclose the claimed "a second thermoplastic resin layer, which is a barrier resin layer and is imprisoned in the first layer, and has a surface area at least equal to that of said faces, wherein the second layer forms at least one zigzag-shaped double fold" (claim 1), or "a second thermoplastic resin layer, which has two free ends and is a barrier resin layer and is imprisoned in the first layer except for the two free ends, of surface area at least equal to that of said faces, wherein the second layer forms at least one zigzag-shaped double fold" (claim 13).

Nishimura's "fiber" or "fibers" by themselves are not the claimed second resin layer by itself – wherein the second resin layer by itself must be a barrier resin layer, is imprisoned in the first resin layer (either completely as in claim 1, or partially as in claim 13), and has a zigzag-shaped double fold. In the second full paragraph on page 7 of

the Office Action, the Examiner states that "each fiber of polyester fabric is a thermoplastic resin layer, so each fiber ... corresponds to the claimed second resin layer. This is incorrect. No person of skill in the art would consider "a fiber" to be "a layer." Moreover, each Nishimura "fiber" is not the claimed barrier layer. Furthermore, Nishimura cannot anticipate both claims 1 and 13 because they are different structures, i.e., one claim requires complete imprisonment of the second layer and the other does not.

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

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